

REMARKS

Claims 2-11, 14, 16 and 19 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 12, 13, 15, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as described in paragraphs 2-5 of the Office Action. Claims 2-11, 14, 16 and 19 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the base claim and any intervening claims, as described in paragraph 6 of the Office Action. Claims 2, 4, 10, 11, 14, 16 and 19 are the only independent claims.

Claims 1, 12, 13, 15, 17 and 18 have been cancelled. Cancellation of claims 1, 12, 13, 15, 17 and 18 is not an acquiescence that the claims are not patentable over the prior art of record. On the contrary, Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims 1, 12, 13, 15, 17 and 18 in a continuation application.

Each of claims 2, 4, 10, 11, 14, 16 and 19 have been amended to be in independent form so as to include all of the limitations of claim 1.

In light of the amendments to claims 2, 4, 10, 11, 14, 16 and 19 and in light of paragraph 6 of the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Having fully and completely responded to the Office Action, Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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